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Constitution Centenary Commem From Denmark

Denmark will issue a stamp on June 5 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Constitution.

In a red color, it will be the same size as the railroad issue of last year. The denomination will be 20 ore.

News of the new issue came with a first day cover of the new Keiland commemorative series from Norway through the courtesy of the F. Arndt Cover Service, 44 Klosterengen, Roskilde, Denmark.

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AT ALEXANDRIA FIRST DAY CEREMONIES—(Left to right): Robert E. Fellers, Deputy Third Assistant Postmaster General, presenting souvenir albums containing sheets of the 6c Alexandria Bicentennial Air Mail Commemorative Stamp to Hon. Howard W. Smith, Congressman, 8th District, Virginia, and Hon. William T. Wilkins, Mayor of Alexandria, Va., as Ellmore Mudd, Postmaster, Alexandria, Va., in connection with the first day sale of the new stamp on Wednesday, May 11

National Stamp Conventions In Boston And San Francisco Have Vital Policy Problems To Consider

by Herman Herst, Jr.

In this pleasant hobby of stamp collecting, many customs hark back to the distant past. Should any innovations be proposed, the hue and cry invariably is that "It's been done that way for years."

The relationship between the group sponsoring the National Convention of our larger Societies and the Society itself is a nebulous sort of thing, and like Topsy, it has just grown through the years, with little attempt ever having been made to formulate a definite policy.

There was a time when the Conventions of the major Societies were quite different from what they now are. Those were the days when most collectors found in the hobby only pleasure and when profit was not the motivating force. The thrills of exchanging, the exciting acquisition of a new stamp, the enthusiasm in meeting new friends—all these were the things that marked a stamp convention.

Instead of holding conventions in the larger cities, so that the dealers could stage a profitable bourse, the conventions were often held in spots like Niagara Falls, the Thousand Islands, Denver, Mackinack Island and the like. Dealers and collectors alike took advantage of natural wonders, sports, swimming, and boat trips. It wasn't important who sponsored the Convention; arrangements were simply made to meet at some hotel in a certain place, and each convention attendant paid his share of the expenses.

True, today it is quite different. Hotels no longer are willing to give their valuable space for nothing. Trophies for an Exhibition cost money. The frames must be built or rented. Conventions today have grown until they are approaching the status of big business. It would seem to be time for a reappraisal of the situation that exists between the A.P.S., for example, and the group sponsoring its August Convention in Boston.

In the past, the societies have concerned themselves not one bit about the local details. If the

sponsoring club ran into debt and had to turn to a few individuals to bail the convention out, as has happened, the A.P.S. and the S.P.A. merely shrugged their shoulders and ignored the fact. If the shindig produced a surplus, as has also happened, the national society showed equal indifference.

Recently, Carl Rueth in this publication commented on the fact that the Boston group is making not only the usual charge for frames for exhibiting (\$5 per frame, in this case), but charging a fee for the privilege of exhibiting as well, also \$5 per exhibitor. We are in no position to state whether this charge, which seems to be exorbitant, is needed. We know that the same group is charging a scale of prices for dealers' tables at the Bourse that seems likewise exorbitant; here again our not knowing the expenses and problems that the group is facing prevents our passing judgement. We are also led to believe that in a further attempt to make ends meet, an admission will be charged to attend the Convention.

On this latter count, members of the A.P.S. are qualified to pass judgment. We don't believe that the question has ever before come up as to whether a sponsoring group has the right and privilege to charge an A.P.S. member for attending his own Convention. We think that it is about time that such a decision should be made. It is beside the point that the admission will be 25c or 50c, or any other nominal sum. If it were a dime, or a cent, it would still be

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Official Announcements Of Five More Countries Are Noted; Czechs Announce More Commemoratives

Among the items of news about the world's stamps this week were additional releases telling of coming commemorative issues for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Five additional stamp issuing countries have signified their intention to join the philatelic celebrants with single stamps or sets of stamps. They are Algeria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Spanish Guinea and Spanish West Africa. Poland while releasing the denominations to found in the set of stamps it will issue, did not give a first day date for them.

Poland's three stamps will have denominations of 6, 18 and 30 zloties.

A decree dated March 15 from the Spanish Postal Administration states that the colonies of Spanish Guinea and Spanish West Africa will each have a UPU commem with a face value of 4 pesetas.

A rather limited printing of 75,000 of each stamp will constitute the issue.

Design of the Spanish Guinea stamp will depict two natives rowing in a canoe, while that for the colony of Spanish West Africa pictures the head of an Arab. Both issues will be printed in the Government Mint at Madrid, Spain.

Czechoslovakia's set of three stamps was issued on May 20 without much previous announcement of the issue. Face values are 3, 5 and 13 Kcs, with colors of red, blue and gray green respectively.

All three designs are the work of artist Kamil Lhotak. Three men were engaged in the engraving. Josef Mracek was responsible for the 3 Kcs., Jindra Schmidt for the 5 Kcs. and Ladislav Jirka for the 13 Kcs.

The stamps are horizontal rectangles in format of the medium commemorative size printed on unwatermarked paper by the rotary press in sheets of 50 and 25 pieces.

The designs represent the comparison between the primitive and the modern methods of transporting the mail.

Validity of the stamps to prepay postage expires on December 31, 1949.

Jugoslavia has done little more than make the bare official announcement that it will participate in the commemoration. The number or the design of the stamps was not given, but a tentative date of October was mentioned.

Algeria is another of the French Colonies planning stamps to honor the UPU. It too will have a single commemorative with a face value of 25 Fr. the same as the seven other colonies listed here last week.

Other stamp news from Czechoslovakia mentions the two stamps issued May 4 for the regular postage series. These are a 4 Kcs. in violet picturing the poet Jiri Wolker, and an 8 Kcs. in brownish gray bearing the portrait of the writer Alois Jirasek.

Czechoslovakia also issued a set of three commemoratives for the Ninth Meeting of the Communist Party on May 24. Denominations are 1.50 Kcs. green, 3 Kcs. red and 5 Kcs. blue. Designs are a girl reaper, a group of five workers, and a single workman respectively.

June 4 is the date selected by the Czechs for yet another set of stamps, four in number, to honor the 125th anniversary of the birth of Composer Bedrich Smetana, and the centenary of the death of Frederick Chopin. Denominations are to be 1.50 Kcs. green, 3 Kcs. red, 5 Kcs. blue and 8 Kcs. brown.

Country	Stamps in set	1st Day
Germany	12, 16, 24, 50, 60 Pfg.	April 11
Italy	1 and 2 Marks	May 3
Trieste (AMG ovpt.)	50 Lire	May 3
Switzerland	10c, 25, 40c	May 10
Czechoslovakia	3, 5, 13 Kcs.	May 20
Liechtenstein	40c	May 23

TO BE ISSUED

Great Britain	2½, 3, 6d and 1/-	Oct. 10
Crown Colonies	2½, 3, 6d and 1/-	Oct. 10
Spain	4Pesetas	Oct. 9

ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DATES

Cameroons	25Fr.
Fr. Eq. Africa	25Fr.
Fr. W. Africa	25Fr.
Madagascar	1 ruppee
St. Pierre & Mq.	25Fr.
Somali Coast	25Fr.
Togo	25Fr.
French Oceania	10Fr.
New Caledonia	10Fr.
Wallis & Futuna	10Fr.
Indo-China	3 piastres
French India	1½, 2, 3d.
Un. of S. Africa	1½, 2, 3d.
Salvador	5, 10c and 1 Col.
Poland	6, 18, 30 zl.
Spanish Guinea	4Pta.
Algeria	25Fr.
Spanish W. Africa	4Pta.
Ethiopia	12
Netherlands	Sweden
Vatican	Jugoslavia
	France

First Sports Stamp Planned By Sweden

Sweden will issue the first stamps with a sports theme which has ever been issued by that country in July, according to Gimbel's Stamp Department.

Committees composed of men from Sweden's post office department and the sports project have collaborated on the stamp designs.

The stamps will mark the International Gymnastic meet which is to be held in Sweden in July. From June 17 to August 28, Sweden will have a series of sports meets and a Sports Exposition.

Prominent British Collector Visits U. S.

On June 8, 1949, Roland King-Farlow, Secretary and Librarian of the Royal Philatelic Society in London, England, will visit the Scandinavian Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, 8 p. m.

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JAPAN—Childrens Day Imperf sheet	.48
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DUTCH INDIES—Two new values have been added to the new set, honoring the occupation of Indonesia. These are 3 sen carmine; 4 sen, olive green.



FRANCE—A beautiful indigo commemorative stamp, just received, honors the French polar expedition. In the foreground is a group of men and dogs; in the background are ice flows and mountains.
FRENCH MOROCCO—A 5fr., green has been added to the new pictorial set.



IRAN—A five value Victory set has been issued to commemorate the effort of Iran in achieving victory (presumably in World War II). Denominations are: 25 Dinar showing the flag of the kingdom in green, red, and orange, in an ornate brown frame; 50D purple, showing the lock of their inter-ocean canal; 1 1/2 rials red, picturing a highway through the Iranian desert; 2 1/2 r blue, showing a railway trestle over a gorge; 5r green, showing a map of Iran with an inset portrait of his majesty, Mohammed Riza Pahlavi.



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with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. The stamp shows two hemispheres, with an airplane in flight above them. At the left is a train and at the right, a steamship. Appropriate inscriptions complete the design.
JUGOSLAVIA—A 10 lira deep green and light green, shows a pair of clasped hands; at the left is a mallet and at the right, a sickle. The initials "B.U.J.-A.S.T.T." are strung across the top in white.

I have no idea as to what particular communist function this commemorative honors, but we might attach some significance to a little billy goat's head which appears in the lower right hand corner, apparently as an after thought.

The date 1-5-1949 is in the lower center part of the stamp.
JUGOSLAVIA—A three value semi-postal set, showing summer sports, has been received. Denominations and colors are as follows: 2d + 1d green; which pictures a shot-putter; 3d + 1d. red, a woman hurdl- ing; 2 + 2d. gray, a pole vaul- ter.

LUXEMBOURG—Four added val- ues in the recent regular issue, portraying Grand Duchess Char- lotte, are to be issued. These are: 15c, brown; 1fr 60, gray; 6fr, mauve; 8fr, green.

NETHERLANDS—A 5-value set of semi-postals, picturing sum- mer recreation, has been re- ceived. Denominations, colors, and subjects are: 2c + 2c, blue and orange, showing bathers at the beach; 5c + 3c blue and yellow, showing hikers; 6c + 4c, green, showing youths camping out; 10c + 5c, blue and yellow, showing a girl do- ing farm work; and 20c + 5c, blue, showing a yachting regat- ta.



PORTUGUESE INDIA—A lovely commemorative set, showing a three-quarter portrait of Our Lady Of Fatima, wearing a large crown, has been received. The stamps are printed in deli- cate pastel shades by lithograph, and should be popular with collectors of religious subjects. Denominations and colors are: 1 reis, light blue; 3r, gold yellow; 9r, light red violet; 2 tangas green; 9t, vermilion; 2 rupia violet brown; 5r, olive green; 8r, bluish purple.

SPAIN—A 4 peseta Airmail will be issued on October 9 as Spain's commemorative to honor the Universal Postal Union.
TRIESTE—Allied Military Government. The overprint A.M.G.-F.T.T. in black, in two lines, has been applied to the Venice Fair commemorative of Italy reported last week. This same overprint in red has been ap- plied to the Milan Fair com- memorative and the U.P.U. commemorative of Italy.



TURKEY—Two new Charities have just been issued as a postal tax. Denominations are: 50 kuras, blue, with a red crescent showing a broken plant; and 100 kuras, green, with overprint in the same de- sign.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA—A new 1 1/2d commemorative, honoring the 100th anniversary of the first settlers at Natal was issued May 2. Stamps will be in bi- lingual pairs.

URUGUAY—two commemo- ratives were issued in connection with the Fourth Regional Congress of American Workers. The 3c green, shows a farmer plowing with a yoke of Oxen; the 7c aquamarine, shows a Latin American cowboy herd- ing cattle.

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Some of the outstanding pieces in the collection were the mint blocks of Columbians which were usually in 25 stamps to the block. And, there were generally several blocks of that size of each of the values, some with almost perfect centering.

Found also were many plate blocks of the Prexie series of all values from the 1/2c right on up through the present obsolete val- ues to the \$5.

The Columbians are now being broken up for future sale by Mint Sheet Brokerage at 18 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Membership Directory Produced By Seaposters

Members of the Maritime Post- mark Society should all now have the directory which lists the names, addresses and specialties of each. This membership list for 1949 carries the names of all the members not only in the United States, but also those in a num- ber of the Central and South Am- erican nations, Europe and Asia.

The Maritime Postmark Society is an international organization devoted to the collecting of Ocean, Lake and River Mails, Postmarks and Covers.

Contact among the members is kept with the club's official bul- letin, "The Seaposter" which is mailed monthly. It carries news of interest to collectors of the above named material.

Persons interested in discover- ing more about the functions of the club can address a request for such information to the secretary, Gerald P. Todd, P. O. Box 1800, Long Beach 1, Calif.

Government Official Changes Country's Name

Stamp collectors having just gotten used to the name Siam for the Asian nation after its wartime designation of Thailand must now revert back to it again.

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By Carl P. Rueth

To draw a parallel, there was a time not so long ago when the owner of an automobile come the cold days of Fall used to put the car on blocks, drain out the water, take off the tires and put the battery in the basement. This was done because most automobiles were not very good winter vehicles—and excellent roads, and snow plow crews were unheard of.

Many collectors put their stamps away for the warm and hot months of the Spring and Summer because they feel that they will damage their collections if they work with them. Sure, some of their items handled carelessly will be damaged, but they will be damaged in the winter time also with poor handling.

Some of the smarter boys and girls generally put aside some of their stamp work which is easily taken care of in the warm weather. In that category are the mounting of covers, the sorting, cataloging and the mounting of USED stamps, the researching for the notes to be used in write-ups, soaking or removing from paper the items put aside for that purpose, and the working over of a mixture.

And speaking of mixtures, I have a friend who has a grand time during the summer sorting through the mixtures he has bought in the winter. He does it at leisure moments for the same relaxation he gets working in his albums. I have come across him many times in a big lawn chair loaded with mixture and with some kind of solution labeled "Budweiser" at his elbow. Probably uses it for "soaking"!

Let's see what knowledge you can soak up out of these.

1. What Famous American was as much or more famous as an artist than he was as an inventor?
2. What two terminals of the original Pony Express service were the first day cities of the Pony Express stamp of 1940?

If you think that the railroads have always had clear sailing in the carrying of Uncle Sam's mail, and have made a nice piece of dough out of it, you lack information.

Back in 1906 Uncle Sammy was very aggravated at the railroads for the poor schedules they were keeping with their mail trains. Missing the proper connections with other trains caused mail to be delayed in transit, and at times caused a stack up of pouches which the Railway Mail Service and local postmasters dreaded to handle—and so easily put it off until their consciences or the powers prodded them.

Boiled down to the essentials, the Post Office Department served notice on the railroads that in the future all mail trains on the branch roads which are late will cause a fine to be imposed by the government. It went on to state that the order had been made necessary on account of the inferior service by the railroads on their branch lines.

I haven't been able to discover



Photo—St. Paul Dispatch.

AWARD FROM KING. The above medal, struck in silver, was presented to 60 Minnesota men and women who aided in the Swedish Pioneer Centennial in June 1948 at Chicago. The awards were presented Sunday May 15 on behalf of the King of Sweden by C. F. Hellstrom, consul. Reverse side of the medal shows a flight of wild geese en route from Sweden to America. Roy Swanson of St. Paul was one of the stamp collectors so honored. His part in the promotion of the 5c Swedish Pioneer stamp of June 4, 1948 merited him the medal.

the amount of the fines planned, or how strictly the regulation and penalty were enforced. Maybe the POD was trying to scare somebody.

For collectors who like a clear easily read postmark on their stamps, Fred Johnson of Washington, D.C., states that there is nothing like using the red Moina Michael stamp of 1948. The cancellation shows up well, and on Christmas and Valentine mail the color is appropriate.

A DID YOU KNOW ITEM: Many persons are under the impression that a letter once mailed is no longer the property of the sender, but belongs to the person to whom it is addressed. This is an error.

Under the postal regulations of the United States and the rulings of the highest courts in the land, a letter does not belong to the addressee until it is delivered to him.

The writer has a right to reclaim and gain possession of it provided he can prove to the satisfaction of the postmaster at the office from which it was sent that he was the writer of it.

Even after the letter has arrived at the office of its destination and before it has been delivered to the addressee it can be recalled by the writer by telegraph through the mailing office.

The regulations of the Post Office Department require, of course, that utmost care shall be taken by the postmaster at the office of mailing to ascertain that the person who desires to withdraw the letter is really the one who is entitled to do so, and the postmaster is responsible for his error if he delivers the letter to an imposter or to an unauthorized person.

The vital principle in our political system lies at the bottom of this matter. In this country, the state is the servant or the agent of the citizen, not his master. It remains merely his agent throughout the transmission of a letter. The state may prescribe regulations under which its servants may carry a message for the citizen, but it cannot shirk its responsibility to him.

I haven't noted whether the term has been used more than usual lately, but I have had some inquiries on what is meant by the term "Star Route." Of course it is to be understood that the term applies to the carrying of mail and not to the flight of the B-36 bomber at 40,000 feet.

A number of mail routes in the United States are not serviced by regular post office carriers or employees using government owned vehicles. The service on such routes is supplied by persons

who are successful bidders for the contracts to carry the mail over them and who generally are required to live up to certain schedules of delivery and pick-up. On the whole, they are governed by most of the rules and regulations which apply to regular postal employees.

These routes let out on contract are known as Star Routes.

Usually the contractor because of the possession of a boat, dog team, experience on snow shoes or skis, knowledge of a certain sparsely settled section of the country, or even the opportunity of combining the mail work with other service he performs along the route makes himself, yes, and herself eligible.

Perhaps one of these warm days, I'll break out several of the stories about the Star Routes and Star Route carriers which I have filed. Those fellows risked life and limb to get the mails through.

1. Samuel Finley Breese Morse pictured on the 2c stamp of the Inventors series of Famous American stamps was a top notch artist. His paintings are quite valuable and much sought after.

2. The two cities were the eastern terminal at St. Joseph, Mo., and the western at Sacramento, Calif.

Dean Of Auctioneers Begins New Service

Dean of the stamp auctioneers in the United States, Max Ohman of New York City has announced his resignation from this field of activity to engage in an entirely new one. It too will be related to stamp auctions, but on the buyer's side of the fence.

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Canadian POD Cracks Down On Special Service

The Canadian Post Office Department has instructed its employees that they are not to comply with requests received through the mail for cancellation of envelopes and post cards for philatelic purposes.

Employees are instructed to forward any letters containing such requests to their District Post Office Inspector who in turn will place them in the hands of the Postage Stamp Division at Ottawa.

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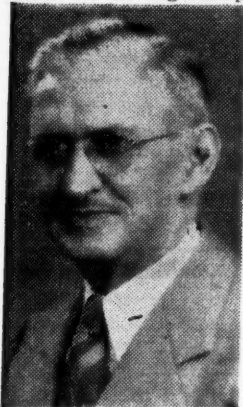
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We Want A Santa Claus Stamp

For several years past Linn's Weekly Stamp News has proposed a Santa Claus Stamp. Always there have been excuses, none of which were worth the paper they were written on. When it comes to issuing stamps, it has long ago been demonstrated that just about anything can be had if there is enough demand for it. This year with the help of others, we are going to start early and fight right up till next winter, for this stamp. We do not believe that there has been a single Commemorative stamp issued in many years past that would meet with as much acclaim by John Q. Public as would a Santa Claus stamp. There is no sound or sane reason why it should not be issued. We are now taking up the fight again and we are not without helpers in this battle. Chief of which is practically the whole city of Evansville, Indiana. Here is the story...



GEO. LINN

Major Clifford O. Bicking of the Evansville Stamp Club has interested the club in this project and already there is every indication that the whole city of Evansville is going to get behind this project and see it through this time. In addition to the Club, the Department of Philately of the Evansville Public Museum favors this stamp as does the Servel Stamp Club of Evansville. The Evansville Chamber of Commerce is helping also. Then the Club has interested various A. F. of L. and C. I. O. Unions. The City, County, and Catholic P. T. A. are behind it. The Shrine Boosters Club, the Eagles and other Fraternal organizations are going to help put it over. The daily newspapers and the four radio stations in Evansville have promised their support. Evansville people are writing letters to Winfield K. Denton, Congressman from the 8th Indiana District urging such a stamp. Mr. Denton is favorable and plans to introduce a bill in Congress for such a stamp.

It is proposed that the stamp be issued first day, on December 1, at Santa Claus, Indiana.

So there you are, Evansville, Indiana is on the war path for a Santa Claus Stamp and Linn's Weekly is also in the running. We can have a Santa Claus Stamp if we will all ask for it now. Do not put it off till Christmas. These things must be planned ahead. Write the Senators from your state, write your State Representatives and write Postmaster General Donaldson. A concerted demand now, will bring us that Santa Claus Stamp this coming Christmas and it will be the most popular Commemorative Stamp this country has ever issued.

We can issue stamps with most everything else on them, so why not a Santa Claus Stamp. There is no sound reason why it can not or should not be issued. Down with the Bigots, let us stop the pussyfooting, give us a Santa Claus Stamp.

Collectors who want to take an active interest in this project and who will contact their local organizations of all sorts can address Major Clifford O. Bicking, 1109 MacArthur Circle, Evansville, Indiana, and learn direct, just what to do to get best results. Get to work now and we will have that Santa Claus Stamp for Christmas.

"Wanted To Buy" Column Is Popular

We do not know of anything that we have featured in our columns for a long time, that has brought the response and interest that is being shown in this new Wanted To Buy Column. For the coming weeks, this column will be found on this same page, so you will not have to search for it.

Many responses have been coming in and we have listed a large number of wants in this issue. The list will grow and grow fast and if it continues as it seems likely to do we may be obliged to limit the listings in some manner to keep them down to a reasonable number. But so long as we can spare the space we can get results...and by results, we mean if dealers and those who have stamps to sell can and will offer to supply the wanted items, then we shall attempt to continue the column for then it will be serving the purpose for which it is used and if that is done we will feel that it is well worth the effort.

Therefore Mr. Dealer, look over the column in every issue. Read the rules and offer what you can supply. This gives you a splendid opportunity to make some sales and best of all to make new customers.

Whether we will continue this column is dependent on the dealer offering the stamps wanted more than on the collector who can list his wants. If the items wanted can not be supplied then there is little object in listing them.

Founding Anniversary Is Theme Of Cachet

The 300th anniversary of the founding of Malden, Mass. & the 11th Exhibition of the Malden Stamp Club are the theme of a cachet which is being sponsored by the club.

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Wanted To Buy

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 - (47) U. S. 294, single strip or block with plate number 1233 also 1234.
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 - (50) Animal stamps on cover.
 - (51) Hungary J3, 8, 9 also PR1 to 5.

The number 2 item previously listed has been found. Wm. Klemm a New York dealer has offered this item. Thus we are glad to report quick results and hope that dealers will watch this column and help make it a big success.

This new column is apparently going to be a very popular one. For the time being we will try to be as liberal as possible in allowing various listings, but reserve the right to restrict the listings should demand become too heavy.

Originally our thought was for the listing of single individual stamps or sets. We may have to restrict in this manner and to stamps of a high catalog value but shall go along as long as we can and on the other hand, it all depends on what results we can get for our readers.

We must insist however that you follow our regulations to the letter, for offering us listings. We have been obliged to refuse some who did not comply with the rules, which were made to

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Holmes Canada, BNA Catalog Published

SPECIALIZED CATALOG OF CANADA AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. L. Seal Holmes, M.D., editor and publisher: 266 pp. illustrations; cloth covers; \$5 at Victoria Stamp Co., London, Ontario, or Lindquist Publications New York, N.Y.

The 1949 edition of this highly specialized catalog of the stamps of Canada and British North America has added another innovation, in the pricing of the early issues as to condition.

To be found also is a complete overhauling of the listings and the pricings of all the stamps especially in the plate block category a field which has become increasingly popular in the past few years.

Pricing of the various stamps is on a net basis, and is said to be based on a study of the market for Canadian and BNA stamps in all parts of the world. Auction realizations as well as retail and wholesale sales were weighed.

Any collector who specializes at all in the stamps of Canada or British North America will find the Holmes Catalog indispensable. The varieties of all the issues are listed where they are of a sufficient importance and in some cases illustrated. The complete plate data is included with each issue of stamps listed.

Found listed are the regular issues, airmails, dues, revenues, postal stationery, telephone franks and nearly everything of philatelic interest within the scope of the catalog except pre-cancel stamps.

Of course, Dr. Holmes needs no introduction to the stamp collecting public since on Canada and BNA issues he is considered top man. In presenting the material of the catalog he has prepared it for easy reading and use—specialist and general collectors alike will find it an important book to have for quick reference.

Israel's Admission To UN Noted With Cover

When the Foreign Minister of Israel was escorted to the rostrum to take his place as the 59th representative on May 11, interested persons marked the event with a cover. The ceremony took place at the United Nations meeting place at Lake Success, New York.

The cover bears the 5c United Nations stamp of the United States as well as the recently issued 20m. flag stamp of Israel. The postmark bears the "United Nation—Lake Success, N. Y." designation as well as six line wavy killer with the slogan, "Courier of the United Nations."

A cachet announces the fact that Israel was admitted as a member of the group on May 11.

The cover was seen through the courtesy of Gimbel's Stamp Department of New York City.

"Adolph Hitler" To Appear At Stamp Club Meeting

Adolph Hitler will occupy the spotlight at the regular monthly meeting of the Austria Philatelic Society.

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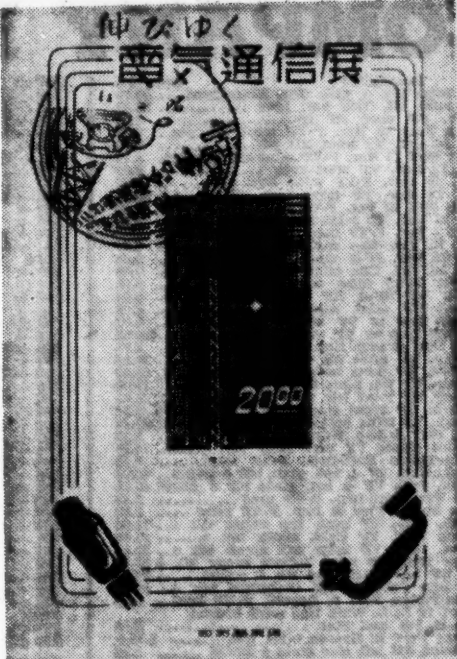
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BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

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tania may soon be obsolete in view of the announcement of transfer of authority from the local military government to the British foreign office. If new stamps are not issued, we may expect a change in the overprint.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA. Has announced a set of stamps in commemoration of the inauguration of the Voortrekker Monument. The values mentioned are one pence, one and one half pence and three pence, probably in bilingual pairs. Date of release has not been announced.

TOKELAU ISLANDS. The recently issued set of three pictorial stamps, each shows a map of an island or "ATOLL." The name Atoll is taken from a native word used in the south seas and is given to islands consisting mostly of water. These islands are of coral formation which throughout the centuries has risen above the surface and which encloses a large deep lagoon.

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Jack O. King associated in the stamp business of the late H. A. Robinette, has purchased the fixtures and supplies of the firm, and will operate from the same location. His stock consists of stamps of all countries of the world. In September, Mr. King plans to begin a series of auctions which will include the "Beard" British Colonies and the Henn United States collections.

Plate block collectors will appreciate the new check and price list which has just been made available by A. B. Crane, Box 351, Altoona, Pa. Mr. Crane has dealt in plate blocks for a number of years and carries a substantial stock of individual positions and matched sets. While customers of his have obtained the list gratis, new names are asked to send 25c to cover the cost of mailing and handling.

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Last meeting of the Friedl Expert committee before the summer closing will be held on June 29. Material to be considered must be in their hands by June 27 and can be addressed c/o Edwin Mueller, Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18. The first Fall session is scheduled for September 7.

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Similar "imperforates" especially of Scott No. 491 and 495, which were actually also cut squares from postal stationery, were previously offered, even in an auction, in a misleading way as imperforates.

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166	#350 4c Coll Perf 12 Hor. VF mint copy	6.00
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252	#433 10c Carmine Perf 10 VF to Superb mint NH.	2.00+0.40
253	#433 10c Carmine Perf 10 VF to Superb mint NH.	2.00+0.40
254	#433 10c Carmine Perf 10 VF to Superb mint NH.	2.00+0.40
255	#433-35 10c-12c Perf 10 fine mint copies 3 diff.	4.60
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263	#440 50c Violet Perf 10 SL VF mint copy	45.00
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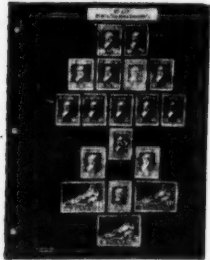
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 The 1949 set of semi-postal stamps which is to appear on June 15 continues the theme of such sets established in 1945, that of depicting an occupation or worker, and representative houses in the various Swiss Cantons. The 5c plus 5c pictures a postman; the 10c plus 10c a farm house of the Jura de Basle; the 20c plus 10c a house of the canton of Lucerne and the 40c plus 10c a house of Prattigau.

Issue Of Swiss Confederation Semi-Postals June 15; Designs Continue Theme Of Past Sets

Switzerland's annual issue of Federal Festival semi-postal stamps will occur on June 15. The present set of four stamps will continue the "Work" and "Swiss House" themes which were inaugurated with the 1945 issue. It will also mark the end of the use of the themes with the present one. As in the past, the surtax from the sale of the stamps will be devoted to a worthy charity—this year it will be used for the professional training of Swiss youth.

Three of the stamps will be in three colors, while the low value will exist in but two. The low value will also be the only one of the quartet which will be printed by a line engraving and rotary heliogravure process at the Government Stamp Printing Establishment at Berne.

The other three are to be manufactured at the firm of Courvoisier SA of La Chaux-de-Fonds by rotary heliogravure printing.

Denominations, colors and designs of the stamps are as follows. A 5c plus 5c in red and reddish violet depicts a Swiss postman making his rounds. The 10c plus 10c in green, chamois and red pictures a farm house of the Jura de Basle.

The 20c plus 10c in brown, chamois and red depicts a house in the canton of Lucerne. A house of Prattigau is shown on the dark blue, light blue and red 40c plus 10c.

Sale of the stamps will be made at all Swiss post offices until August 15, and at the Philatelic Agency until August 31. Validity of the stamps to prepay postage will expire on November 30.

Willy Koch of St. Gallen designed two of the stamps, the 5c plus 5c and the 40c plus 10c. Fritz Deringer of Utikon was responsible for the design of the 10c plus 10c stamp and Hans Zaugg of Gerzensee, the 20c plus 10c value. Only the 5c plus 5c stamp was engraved, the engraving being the work of Karin Lieven of Geneva.

Granite paper will be used for the three high values, which has a mixture of red and blue fibers. The 5c stamp will be printed on the regular white paper without the fibers.

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BY KENNETH M. GIERHART

Baltimore, Ohio

Philippine Overprints
 With the permission of Stephen G. Rich I reprint parts of an article which appeared in the old Precancel Bee of November 1934. There was a later article but it was more condensed and the parts that are essential seem to be in this article.

"These overprints were listed as precancels, with an ingenious explanation of why they are always post-cancelled, in an article in Mekeels of Feb. 1928, by F.W. Allen. No evidence that the stamps so overprinted ever were actually recognized as precancels has been brought forward; but in view of the widespread practice of printing or handstamping a firm's name on stamps to prevent theft, throughout the far east, there can be little doubt that this is the Philippine method of doing just that.

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am able to announce that the status of these interesting varieties has been definitely established. Both Dr. Meyer of the Philippine Baptist Mission of Capiz, and Mr. Waletter Bruggman of Manila have written me at length concerning them."

It has been reasonable to assume that the overprintings were more of the nature of controls than precancels, when an examination of all copies that have passed through the mails show an additional postmark applied after the stamps were affixed to parcels. The real value in the use of precancels lies in the fact that they pass through the postoffice without recancelling, thus saving the time of the postoffice employees.

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Editors Note: It seems from the above there are those that feel that these stamps were rightfully precancels just mishandled. There are several pertinent questions that come up right away and the answers to those should definitely settle the issue of whether these stamps are precancels or not or were intended to be precancels.

Columbus Albino Envelope

It is quite an oddity when one comes upon an albino envelope but with the added feature of being a precancelled albino envelope it is something at least to OHIO precancel collectors. We never have had the opportunity to talk to any one who has witnessed the processes an envelope makes as it goes through the factory out at West Carrollton but it must be very interesting.

I imagine there is quite an easy explanation how an albino comes about but we never have had this explained to us. We had hardly gotten inside the door when a member of the Columbus Philatelic Club came to us with this item. You could have made out the lettering even if there was no corner card to identify the town. It was a large size envelope and of course a 1c value.

The collector still has the envelope so don't bother writing me about it. He intends to keep it and I don't blame him.

New Stamps From Hungary And Cochinchina

Hungary is going to honor the Russian poet Pushkin on June 6 with a set of stamps and a souvenir sheet. There are to be 25,000 complete sets and 10,000 souvenir sheets states Whitfield King and Co. of Ipswich, England.

A number of the sets and souvenir sheets in the past with such small amounts printed have brought many times face on the day of issue and are generally regarded as speculative items by informed collectors.

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The Plate Blocker
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The new 6c Alexandria Bi-centennial Airmail was only one day old but the mad rush was on, to acquire complete matched position sets and all indications pointed to plenty of exciting activity surrounding the second, in a series of commemorative airmails.
The first was the famous or infamous N. Y. Air, whichever you care to term it.
Six plate numbers were issued for the Alexandria Air: 24083-4-5-6-7-8. Why six plates were needed is beyond my understanding except mayhap the P. O. Officials, being relieved by the order to limit postal emissions to twelve per year, know that CMPS collectors will help the revenue along by garnering every collectable position. In this instance there are 24 positions needed to complete a set.

Add to this the investments of many dealers who have to stock up with an eye to future sales. Yes sir!
Last year we had to contend with 29 new issues but only three of the 29 had six plates and four had only two plates. As far as complete set collectors are concerned, the new Alexandria Air is equal to two of the six plate issues, of last year and from a monetary viewpoint the face value of the new air is \$5.76 as compared to the total face value of \$4.48 for the four issues which had only two plates each.

This year's four commems have produced three which have six plates and one of four. At this rate we can look forward to some more heavy investments comparable to last year.

According to figures available at the moment, I find that the Francis Scott Key issue had a printing of 115,000,000 and the Gold Star Mothers issue 75,000,000. These two issues had only two plates each. The Alexandria Air, at present, is to have a printing of 70,000,000. Why the six plates? Of course who am I to question why. Nevertheless it is puzzling.

If anything the 1948 commems did more than their share in bringing thousands upon thousands more collectors into the fold. Most of these newcomers have been successful in filling quite a good proportion of the hundreds of positions needed of 1948.
Like most of the old-time collectors they are now seeking new fields to conquer and their natural inclinations are to obtain position sets of those issues prior to the 'forty-eighters.'

For the benefit of all concerned I will now recapitulate all of the issues from Iwo Jima (No. 929) to Everglades (No. 952).

#929—3c Iwo Jima—6PN—24Pos.			
23295	.25	23296	.25
.30	.25	.30	.25
23297	.25	23298	.25
.30	.25	.30	.25
23305	.30	23306	.30
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23307	.15	23308	.15
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.20	.20	.20	.20
23311	.15	23312	.15
.20	.20	.20	.20
#932—3c Roosevelt—6PN—24Pos.			
23313	.30	23314	.35
.30	.30	.30	.35
23285	.30	23286	.25
.25	.25	.25	.25
23287	.30	23288	.35
.30	.35	.30	.35
23293	.25	23294	.30
.35	.35	.35	.35
#933—5c Roosevelt—2PN—8 Pos.			
23381	.40	23382	.40
.40	.40	.40	.40
#934—3c Army World War II—4PN—16 Pos.			
23324	.25	23325	.40
.25	.25	.40	.35
23326	.25	23327	.40
.25	.25	.40	.35
#935—3c Navy World War II—6PN—24 Pos.			
23338	.35	23339	.40
.45	.40	.35	.35
23340	.35	23341	.40
.35	.35	.35	.45
23342	.25	23343	.25
.25	.25	.25	.25
#936—3c Coast Guard—4PN—16 Pos.			
23334	.25	23335	.30
.30	.25	.30	.25
23336	.25	23337	.30
.30	.25	.30	.25
#937—3c Alfred E. Smith—4 PN—16 Pos			
23353	.30	23354	.30
.30	.35	.30	.35
23355	.30	23358	.30
.30	.35	.30	.35

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When the Blockade of Berlin was lifted on May 12, normal United States mail service with the German capital was resumed. The embargo which had existed on all surface parcel post was set aside by the Post Office Department and such mail is now to be routed for regular delivery.

The postage rates to the United States, British and French Occupied Zones is 6c per pound, while the same service to the Russian Zone is 14c per pound.

During the ten months the blockade existed, surface parcel post was the only mail affected. Parcel post by air and airmail was carried into Berlin by American overseas airlines. Surface letters were carried by the famed "airlift" airplanes.

Chicago Helicopter Airmail Service Delayed

The helicopter airmail service which was supposed to have taken place about May 1 in the Chicago area has been postponed until possibly early July.

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Cachet, Postmark Note Historical Landing

A special commemorative cancellation and cacheted cover was sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (Queensland) for March 5 when a pageant was presented at Fortitude Valley depicting the landing of the first settlers in this part of Australia.

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Manitowoc Chosen For 1950 WFSC Convention

When the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs adjourned its convention at Racine on May 8, it had chosen the site of the 1950 convention and had elected a new slate of officers.

The 1950 meeting will be held at Manitowoc, Wisconsin during the first week in May.

Officers elected were Edward D. Hamilton, president; Wilbur Symes, vice-president and Odin Christenson, secretary-treasurer. Regional vice-presidents are Dr. E. V. Smith, Erwin Slinger, Stuart Kingston and Burleigh Jacobs.

Missouri Dealer Has Fatal Heart Attack

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NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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undefensible, not only because the payment of dues entitles a member to attend his Society's Convention, but because the very charge of an admission keeps away from the exhibition the very people that it is designed to attract, namely, the general non-collecting public.

There are some who will quarrel with this thesis. It has come up before. The group sponsoring one National Convention several years ago emphatically went on record that they did not particularly desire the attendance of the general public. They explicitly stated that they did not encourage the throngs of children that flock to a stamp exhibition, by their own contention, was put on principally for the members of that Society, and for no others.

To watch our National Societies talk glibly of Junior Activity, and the need for educating the youngsters who will be tomorrow's collectors, and then to take steps to exclude them from what may be the only philatelic exhibition of consequence those same kids may ever get to see in their collecting lives seems to us to be hypocrisy of the first order. We somehow feel that the purpose of any stamp exhibition is to exhibit stamps, and the more people that see the exhibit, the better success the exhibition will be.

In the past vociferous groups have demanded that the two major Societies do something effective with part of their funds that will show that their desires to spread the gospel of philately is not lip-service. The wealthier of the two Societies has its treasury heading for the \$200,000 mark—every penny of that money is not the property of a select group of officers, or directors, or collectors. It belongs to the members of that Society, and they should have the right to suggest how it shall be used. Certainly, the continued purchase of Government bonds is a patriotic gesture, but if the mere investment of our funds had been our original desire, we could have arranged it closer to home.

We don't want to see the treasury dissipated; we have no desire to participate in a raid on it. But if the present costs of running a Convention are such that to make ends meet an admission charge must be made on members attending their own meetings; if appeals for advertising in the program must go out to all and sundry who might be prospects; if in short, every device for raising money must be resorted to then we think it is about time that the Societies themselves stop being parasites, and that they realize that it is their Convention that is being run.

In any other field, a National Convention is something which is subsidized by the group in whose name it is held. The competition to hold the Convention is an exciting thing to watch. We ourselves can remember when in the stamp field, five or six cities would campaign for the convention. Barrages of telegrams would reach the floor from Mayor, Chambers of Commerce and interested citizens. Today in some cases conventions have adjourned without any knowledge of where the next one would be held through lack of an invitation.

Perhaps it is too late for this year. The Boston committee is working hard to put on a wonderful show. Of course they are handicapped by a need for funds to make both ends meet. We hope that they do come out on the right side of the books, but wouldn't be surprised if they didn't. But for the future, if the A.P.S., and the S.P.A., would assure the sponsoring committee that a certain amount of money would be forthcoming to assist in the financial burdens, not only would a better Convention be assured, but it wouldn't be necessary to irritate members with excessive charges for exhibiting, repeated admissions for entering the convention, or irksome appeals for financial support from dealers.

It has to come some day. The present system was fine fifty years ago, but today you can't hitch a streamlined modern vehicle up to a decrepit sway-back mule, and expect it to progress.

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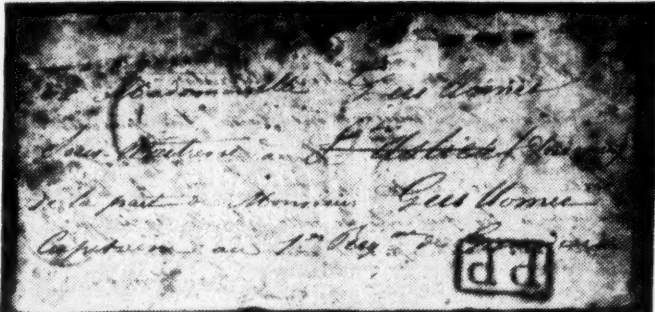
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Artist Lampoons
Recent Commems

It is a good thing that some artist collectors have been struck with the humor of the flood of stamps over the past few years, and of the sometimes inane events which they are to commemorate.

Otherwise the following stamp designs would never have been made. Collectors will at once recognize that the stamps have never existed, nor will they exist, but they do take a refined poke in the nose of the several nations represented.



When King Farouk of Egypt married some years ago 1938, a very elaborate stamp was produced by Egypt for the event. The issue was limited even though the face value was low. Farouk had married Farida, sister of the King of Persia.

The King of Persia, Mohammed Riza Pahlavi, married Farouk's sister, the Princess Fawziya of Egypt. When in 1948 Farouk divorced Farida, Pahlavi divorced Fawziya, the erstwhile brides returning to their former homes.

The artist has marked the divorces with a stamp purported to be from Egypt and which does give a rather humorous slant to the entire situation.



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The United States has not escaped the ribbing either, in fact, it has been hit twice as hard as the other three nations since two of the alleged stamps are directed here. Both were evoked by the abundance of commemoratives during 1948 many of which had little or no basis for existence.

The stamp for the Pig Industry is quite obvious, while that for Walt Disney, originator of the Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and other well-loved cartoon characters might even be considered as a serious item.



No doubt if it were left to the younger generation, and their fathers and mothers, Mr. Disney would have gotten a stamp long before this for his genuine artistry. Even the design which depicts a scene from the cartoon movie, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," and Mickey Mouse could well be adapted by the United States Post Office Department.



Final offering of the five, is a stamp which is attributed to Belgium, and which is to mark the failure of Plead in his attempt to reach depths in the ocean never before attained by man. The artist felt that since Belgium had issued a series of three stamps in 1932 to mark the successful flight of the eminent scientist into the stratosphere in 1932, his bathysphere experience deserved recognition also.

The stamp design, with an ironical twist, speaks for itself. Pictures of the stamps were received through the courtesy of Philatelic Equator, P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany.

President Babcock
Of Oswego Club Dies

Members of the Oswego, N. Y. Stamp Club are mourning the loss of their president, Ford A. Babcock, 47 who died on May 15. Mr. Babcock organized the club several years ago and had served as its president since then.

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Bob Jones, Philadelphia physical culturist and stamp collector, appeared on a recent Robert L. Ripley BELIEVE IT OR NOT television show, via WNBT New York and the NBC chain, doing his celebrated hand balance on the two thumbs alone.

Mr. Jones is one of the few men who actually do balance on their thumbs without resorting to trickery. It is one of the stunts for which he is well known in physical culture circles.

Also on the program, and carried right through the final dress rehearsal, was the showing and discussing of his rare Metz (Franco-Prussian war) unmanned balloon pellicule, one of the few which still exist and probably the only one extant showing the "P. P." mark to indicate free government franking, plus an office cancellation (which is illegible). Most of the few which escaped the Prussians and reached friendly hands were forwarded in the usual penalty envelopes, a la V-mail of World War II.

We said almost—at the last rehearsal the show was still over the 30-minutes allotted to it, so heavy cutting had to be made—including a close trim of the Metz item...maybe at another show, when BELIEVE IT OR NOT returns to the channels in a few weeks, the famous cartoonist will be able to show this rarity to the TV public. He used a similar item in his newspaper cartoon a few years ago, and during the past 22 years has featured the Jones balances and finger strength sixteen different times.

Animal, Big Top On
Cachet For Circus

An unusual cachet for an unusual event is being sponsored by the Bridgeport Philatelic Society of Bridgeport, Conn.

Cooperating with other civic committees in the celebration of the Barnum Festival from June 10 to 14, the club is sponsoring a very "circusy" cachet in honor of the late great showman, a citizen and benefactor of the city.

Tigers, elephants, lions, hippos, side show freaks, a circus parade, a picture of Barnum and the "big top" itself are all found on the envelope.

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